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SUBJECT: STATEMENT BY COMMONWEALTH HEADS OF GOVERNMENT ON
NUCLEAR TESTING

ON AUGUST 3 COMMONWEALTH HEADS OF GOVERNMENT MADE
FOLLOWING STATEMENT ON NUCLEAR TESTING. ALTHOUGH
DISCUSSIONS LEADING TO THE RESOLUTION WERE CLOSED,
PRESS AND EXTAFF OFFICIALS PRESENT HAVE REPORTED
THAT AUSTRALIAN AND NEW ZEALAND DELS SOUGHT
SPECIFICALLY TO NAME FRANCE AND PRC, AND DEPLORE
RECENT ATMOSPHERIC TESTS BY THOSE GOVERNMENTS. UK
AND CANADIAN DELS WERE INSTRUMENTAL IN DISCUSSIONS
LEADING TO FINAL TEXT.

BEGIN QUOTE

ON THIS, THE TENTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SIGNING OF
THE TREATY BANNING NUCLEAR WEAPON TESTS IN THE
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ATMOSPHERE, IN OUTER SPACE AND UNDER WATER, HEADS OF

GOVERNMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH, MEETING IN OTTAWA,
REAFFIRMED THEIR UNFAILING SUPPORT FOR THE TREATY AND
THEIR CONCERN TO ENSURE ITS UNIVERSAL OBSERVANCE.

RECALLING THE TERMS OF THE PREMABLE TO THE TREATY,
PROCLAIMING AS THEIR PRINCIPAL AIM THE SPEEDIEST
POSSIBLE ACHIEVEMENT OF AN AGREEMENT ON GENERAL AND
COMPLETE DISARMAMENT UNDER STRICT INTERNATIONAL
CONTROL IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE OBJECTIVES OF THE
UNITED NATIONS WHICH WOULD PUT AN END TO THE
ARMAMENTS RACE AND ELIMINATE THE INCENTIVE TO
THE PRODUCTION AND TESTING OF ALL KINDS OF WEAPONS,
INCLUDING NUCLEAR WEAPONS,

SEEKING TO ACHIEVE THE DISCONTINUANCE OF ALL
TEST EXPLOSIONS OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS FOR ALL TIME,
DETERMINED TO CONTINUE NEGOTIATIONS TO THIS END,
AND DESIRING TO PUT AN END TO THE CONTAMINATION
OF MAN'S ENVIRONMENT BY RADIOACTIVE SUBSTANCES,
COMMONWEALTH HEADS OF GOVERNMENT APPEALED TO ALL
POWERS, AND IN PARTICULAR THE NUCLEAR POWERS, TO TAKE UP
AS AN URGENT TASK THE NEGOTIATION OF A NEW AGREEMENT TO
BRING ABOUT THE TOTAL CESSATION OF NUCLEAR WEAPON TESTS
IN ALL ENVIRONMENTS. END QUOTE
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